REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The rejection presented in the Office Action dated November 3, 2006 (hereinafter Office Action) has been considered. Claims 1-12 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration of the pending claims and allowance of the application in view of the present response is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully traverses the §102(b) rejection based upon U.S. Publication No. 2002/0183117 by Takahashi *et al.* (hereinafter "Takahashi") because the asserted reference does not teach or suggest each of the claimed limitations. Takahashi does not appear to teach any of the limitations directed to a calendar item or a calendar application. For example, Takahashi does not teach providing a gaming calendar item in an electronic gaming device, as claimed. Instead, the discussions of cited Figs. 27 and 30 in paragraphs [0192]-[0200] and [0210]-[0219] discuss sending an electronic mail message inviting a user to play a game. The date/time field shown in message template 301 is merely a proposed date and time for a game to be played with no mention of a calendar item or application. The date/time shown in message display section 275 of Fig. 27 is also not a calendar item comprising a time for a multiplayer gaming session and a game to be played, as the displayed date/time is the time of receipt of the message. *See*, paragraph [0195], second sentence. Moreover, a brief search of Takahashi indicated that the term "calendar" is not used anywhere in the document. Without teaching the use of a calendar item, Takahashi also cannot teach "storing the gaming calendar item in a calendar application of the gaming device."

With respect to the limitations directed to storing a calendar item, the Examiner has not identified where Takahashi teaches the claimed storing in "the gaming device." The Examiner asserts that Takahashi, in paragraph [0071], discloses a server system for storing all game and game session related information. However, Takahashi's server system does not correspond to the claimed gaming device. The gaming device of Takahashi is a client computer or other portable device. *See*, paragraph [0219]. The storage relied upon by the Examiner is not storage in "the gaming device" or "in a calendar application of the gaming

device." Without a presentation of correspondence to each of the claimed limitations, the §102(b) rejection is improper.

Applicant notes that in order to anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim. "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the patent claim; *i.e.* every element of the claimed invention must be literally present, arranged as in the claim. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Therefore, all claim elements, and their limitations, must be found in the prior art reference to maintain the rejection based on 35 U.S.C. §102. Applicant respectfully submits that Takahashi does not teach every element of independent Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 11 in the requisite detail, and therefore fails to anticipate Claims 1-12.

Moreover, the Examiner has also not shown that Takahashi teaches displaying an alarm on a display of a device when a gaming session is due, as claimed. The reliance on paragraph [0152] is misplaced as paragraph [0152] merely teaches that a request screen may be filled out when a member wants to request that an opponent play a game. The request screen is displayed to request a game time, not when a game time has arrived or a gaming session is due. Paragraph [0152] also makes no mention of an alarm, as claimed. Without a presentation of correspondence to each of the claimed limitations, in the requisite level of detail, the §102(b) rejection is improper. Applicant accordingly requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Further, dependent Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 10 and 12 depend from independent Claims 1, 5, 9 and 11, respectively and also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Takahashi. While Applicant does not acquiesce with the particular rejections to these dependent claims, these rejections are also improper for the reasons discussed above in connection with independent Claims 1, 5, 9 and 11. These dependent claims include all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims and

recite additional features which further distinguish these claims from the cited reference. Therefore, the rejection of dependent Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 10 and 12 is also improper.

Applicant respectfully submits that Takahashi does not teach each of the claimed limitations and therefore fails to support the §102(b) rejection. Takahashi at least fails to teach "providing a gaming calendar item;" "storing the gaming calendar item in a calendar application of the gaming device;" and "displaying an alarm on a display of the device when the gaming session is due." The teachings of Takahashi do not correspond to the claimed invention in the requisite detail. *See, Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.* For at least these reasons, Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

With further respect to the Examiner's "citation of pertinent prior art," Applicant does not acquiesce with any of the assertions made with respect to the references listed and specifically traverses any assertions of anticipation. As none of these references have been asserted against the instant application, any such assertions are moot.

Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3581 (NKO.023.A1) any necessary fees for this filing. If the Examiner believes it necessary or helpful, the undersigned attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss any issues related to this case.

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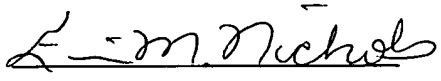
By: 

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